

Is Eugene McCarthy Still Out of Jail?

TRUONG DINH DZU IS NOT!

Truong Dinh Dzu was a "peace candidate" too. In the South Vietnamese presidential elections last year. Not widely known, he replaced two better-known peace candidates who had been forced off the ballot. Calling for a cease-fire and negotiations, Truong Dinh Dzu in two weeks leaped from obscurity to second place in the election. For his pains, he was dragged from a hospital bed by police, sentenced to five years at hard labor. He is now at Con Tho, Vietnam's Devil's Island, where his friends fear he will be assassinated.¹

(Footnote numbers refer to box at right.)

There are at least 20,000 such political prisoners in South Vietnam. Not Viet Cong. Not the "enemy." South Vietnam's own citizens. 8,000 monks, nuns and lay leaders of the Buddhist Church. Students by the thousands.² Professors.³ Labor leaders. Intellectuals. Entertainers. (Their most popular folk singer was jailed recently for *singing* about peace.) 20,000 is the most conservative estimate; some people think the total may be as high as 100,000.⁴

They are in prison because they asked for peace. Because they demanded a representative government instead of the one they have, established by coup and confirmed by fraudulent elections.⁴ Because they want a cease-fire now.⁵ Because if they were free the demand for peace would become a shout heard world-wide, and the Thieu-Ky government could not stand against it. Generals Thieu and Ky head a war government, supported only by a very small segment of the Vietnamese people — and by the United States. They can stay in power *only* by silencing all opposition.

D. Y. Jones
29 Dec 1968

Vietnam is not just a political issue for America, but a moral tragedy. We have spent the lives of 30,000 of our youth defending, in the name of freedom, a police state that suppresses all dissent and jails the dissenters. Even now we remonstrate only mildly as it tries to sabotage the Paris talks, while the killing and dying continue.

The forgotten people of South Vietnam are not represented at Paris. Their representatives are in the filthy, brutal prisons of their own country: patriots jailed for their patriotism, peacemakers persecuted for trying to make peace!

We must not be silent! The Buddhist monks and nuns of Vietnam, usually given to contemplation and good works, are in jail because their consciences forced them to protest the outrages being perpetrated on their people. We Americans must not allow our outrage against this war to be muted by the dragging talks in Paris. The imprisoned heroes of peace in Vietnam need support. They must be released. Democracy must be more than a cynical catchphrase in Saigon. There must be a cease-fire: immediate, honest, with neither side taking advantage of it to improve its own position. Raise your voice today, and until this dreadful war is ended!

TODAY—The Buddhists, students, intellectuals who have struggled valiantly and nonviolently for peace need the knowledge of our support in their isolation.* The new Administration needs to know at once the depth of our concern that such things continue. We will send word of your action to both if you sign the appropriate coupon below.

**Come to Town Hall January 5
Demand Release of Political Prisoners**

NEXT SUNDAY—Join us at Town Hall to demand a ceasefire and release of the political prisoners. Hear Senator Ernest F. Gruening, first of the Senate "doves"; Monique Truong, daughter of Truong Dinh Dzu; Vo Van Ai, poet, author, imprisoned at 11 for resistance, now secretary-general of the Overseas Vietnamese Buddhist Association; Masako Yamanouchi, co-worker with students and refugees, just returned from two years in South Vietnam. Music by Merry Lyan' folk trio. Town Hall, 123 West 43rd Street, January 5, 3 - 5 p.m., admission \$1, no seats reserved.

An Appeal by

THE FELLOWSHIP OF RECONCILIATION

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ROBERT W. MOON, National Chairman.

ALFRED HASSLER, Executive Secretary.

HEADLINES AND FOOTNOTES

An advertisement this size can only touch the high spots of its concern. For documentation and to enlarge your own understanding of the situation, order the items listed below. Those marked with an (*) are included in the packet sent for \$1. See the coupons. Order additional copies for distribution.

1"AMERICA'S POLITICAL PRISONERS IN VIETNAM—A WHITE PAPER." Documentation of imprisonment of dissenters, suppression of free press, persecution of students. 50c*

2"A PLEA FROM THE STUDENTS OF SAIGON." An appeal for help to students of the world from the General Association of Saigon Students—25,000 members. Just received. 10c*

3"65 PROFESSORS APPEAL FOR PEACE." The appeal that resulted in the harassment of some Vietnam's leading academics, and the imprisonment of many of them.*

4"SOUTH VIETNAM'S FRAUDULENT ELECTIONS." A detailed report on how the Incu-Ky forces managed to snatch victory by winning one-third of the vote after disqualifying leading opponents and thousands of voters. Appeared in *Congressional Record*. 15c*

5"WE NEED A CEASE-FIRE." A letter from the Venerable Thich Tri Quang, addressed to all Americans and of special interest to churchmen of all faiths.*

6"SO FEW FOR SO MANY." An account of the work of the students of the School of Youth for Social Service, operated by the Buddhists. Campus of the school became home for 11,000 refugees after May offensive; the 100 students cared for more than 40,000 refugees throughout the country.*

"VIETNAM: LOTUS IN A SEA OF FIRE," by Thich Nhat Hanh. Unmatched explanation of Buddhism and the war by one of the leaders of the "militant Buddhists" and a close friend of Thich Tri Quang. Foreword by Thomas Merton. \$1.50

"THE CRY OF VIETNAM." A powerful combination of the antiwar poems of Thich Nhat Hanh and the dry-brush drawings of noted Vietnamese artist, Vo Dinh. \$1.50

Packet to include items 1 to 6, \$1.00 complete.

Hear Them Elsewhere

The Town Hall meeting on January 5 begins a nationwide tour by VO DINH, ANH, and MASAKO YAMA-NOUCHI. Write for schedule or to make engagements, to Allan Brick, P.O. Box 271, Nyack, N.Y. 10960.

Fill Out the Appropriate Box and Mail to F.O.R. We Will Forward to Vietnam and Washington

I AM A STUDENT

I want to identify with the Vietnamese students whose peace efforts endanger their liberty and lives. Please let them know I am with them, and have told President Nixon so.

Name (please print) _____

Address _____

_____ Zip _____

☐ I want to help this effort and enclose a contribution of \$_____ to do so.

☐ I enclose \$_____ for _____ sets of materials marked (*) in adjoining box. (\$1 per set)

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I AM A CLERGYMAN

Please tell the Buddhist religious leaders of South Vietnam I am with them in spirit and will do all that I can to help, including letting President Nixon know my feelings.

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I AM A TEACHER

Send my word of support to the 65 professors who challenged their government on behalf of peace, and say that I am doing all that I can to restore their freedom to speak.

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I AS AN AMERICAN—

who is shocked by his country's support of a police state in South Vietnam, send my greetings and my apologies to the Vietnamese citizens who have suffered so much for peace.

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